

Right turn on red? With pedestrian deaths rising, U.S. cities are considering bans

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CHICAGO (AP) — Sophee Langerman was on her way to a bicycle safety rally in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood in June when a car turning right rolled through a red light and slammed into her bike, which she was walking off the curb and into the crosswalk. The car was moving slowly enough that Langerman escaped serious injury, but the bicycle required extensive repairs. To Langerman, it's another argument for ending a practice that almost all U.S. cities have embraced for decades: the legal prerogative for a driver to turn right after stopping at a red light.

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A sign, indicating to drivers that right turns on red are not allowed within city limits, is displayed near the Manhattan exit of the Lincoln Tunnel in New York, Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.

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U.S. regulators will review car-tire chemical that kills salmon

By **MARK THIESSEN**

Associated Press

U.S. regulators say they will review the use of a chemical found in almost every tire after a petition from West Coast Native American tribes that want it banned because it kills salmon as they return from the ocean to their natal streams to spawn.

The Yurok tribe in California and the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Puyallup tribes in Washington asked the Environmental Protection Agency to prohibit the rubber preservative 6PPD earlier this year, saying it kills fish — especially coho salmon — when rains wash it from roadways into rivers. Washington, Oregon, Vermont, Rhode Island and



Julann Spromberg, a research toxicologist with Ocean Associates Inc., working under contract with NOAA Fisheries, observes a salmon placed in a tank of clear water after it died from four hours of exposure to unfiltered highway runoff water on Oct. 20, 2014.

Connecticut also wrote the EPA, citing the chemical's

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"unreasonable threat" to their waters and fisheries.

The agency's decision to grant the petition last week is the start of a long regulatory process that could see the chemical banned. Tire manufacturers are already looking for an alternative that still meets federal safety requirements.

"We could not sit idle while 6PPD kills the fish that sustain us," Joseph L. James, chairperson of the Yurok Tribe, told The Associated Press. "This lethal toxin has no business in any salmon-bearing watershed."

6PPD has been used as a rubber preservative in tires for 60 years. It is also found in footwear, synthetic turf and playground equipment.

As tires wear, tiny particles of rubber are left behind on roads and parking lots. The chemical breaks down into a byproduct, 6PPD-quinone, that is deadly to salmon, steelhead trout and other aquatic wildlife. Coho appear to be especially sensitive; it can kill them within hours, the tribes argued.

The salmon are important to the diet and culture of Pacific Northwest and California tribes, which have fought for decades to protect the dwindling fish from climate change, pollution, development and dams that block their way to spawning grounds.

The chemical's effect on

coho was noted in 2020 by scientists in Washington state, who were studying why coho populations that had been restored in the Puget Sound years earlier were struggling.

"This is a significant first step in regulating what has been a devastating chemical in the environment for decades," said Elizabeth Forsyth, an attorney for Earthjustice, an environmental law firm that represents the tribes.

She called it "one of the biggest environmental issues that the world hasn't known about."

The U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association said in a statement that an analysis is underway to identify alternatives to 6PPD that can meet federal safety standards, though none has yet been found.

The Puyallup Tribal Council called the EPA's decision "a victory for salmon and all species and people."

The agency plans by next fall to begin gathering more information that could inform proposed regulations. It also plans to require manufacturers and importers of 6PPD to report unpublished health and safety studies by the end of next year. There is no time-frame for a final decision.

"These salmon and other fish have suffered dramatic decreases in population over the years. Addressing 6PPD-quinone in the environment, and the use of its parent, 6PPD, is one way we can work to reverse this trend," Michal Freedhoff, an assistant administrator in the EPA's chemical safety and pollution prevention office, said in a statement. The chemical's effect on human health is unknown, the EPA noted.

Suanne Brander, an associate professor and ecotoxicologist at Oregon State University, called the decision a great move, but cautioned that the lethal impacts on salmon are likely from more than just 6PPD. She said she is also concerned about whatever chemical tire manufacturers eventually use to replace it. □

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A dramatic rise in accidents killing or injuring pedestrians and bicyclists has led to a myriad of policy and infrastructure changes, but moves to ban right on red have drawn some of the most intense sentiments on both sides.

Washington, D.C.'s City Council last year approved a right-on-red ban that takes effect in 2025. New Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson's transition plan called for "restricting right turns on red," but his administration hasn't provided specifics. The college town of Ann Arbor, Michigan, now prohibits right turns at red lights in the downtown area.

San Francisco leaders recently voted to urge their transportation agency to ban right on red across the city, and other major cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle and Denver have looked into bans as well.

"Drivers should not have the option to decide for themselves when they think it's safe," said Langerman, 26. "People are busy. People are distracted."

But Jay Beeber, executive director for policy at the National Motorists Association, an advocacy organization for drivers, called it a "fallacy" to assume such blanket bans would make streets safer.

He cited an upcoming study by his association that analyzed California crash data from 2011-2019 and found that drivers turning right on red accounted for only about one pedestrian death and less than one bicyclist death statewide every two years.

"What's really behind this movement is part of the agenda to make driving as miserable and as difficult as possible so people don't drive so much," Beeber said.

Safety advocates counter that official crash reports are often mislabeled, undercounting the dangers. The United States is one of few major countries that



A commercial vehicle makes a right turn on red at an intersection that prohibits the turn Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, in Chicago.

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generally allow right turns on red.

Concerned that cars idling at stop lights could compound an energy crisis, the U.S. government warned states in the 1970s that they could risk some federal funding should cities prohibit right on red, except in specific, clearly marked areas. Although another energy-conscious provision capping speed limits at 55 mph has long been abandoned, right on red has endured.

"It's an example of bad policy," said Bill Schultheiss, director of engineering at Toole Design Group, which consults with public transportation agencies. "It made sense in the context of the gas crisis, but it was way oversold on what it would achieve. It's a mandate that doesn't consider the full consequences."

Right on red has never been allowed across most of New York City, where large signs alert Manhattan's visitors that the practice is prohibited there. But it was the default policy practically everywhere else in the U.S. until last year's vote in the nation's capital. Safety advocates who pushed for the change in Washington, D.C., are bracing for blowback from drivers, particularly if

the city also allows the so-called Idaho Stop in which cyclists are permitted to go through a red light after stopping to make sure the coast is clear.

"There are just some battles, in terms of public opinion, where you have to be content to sacrifice that for the safety of the people," said Jonathan Kincade, communications coordinator at the Washington Area Bicyclists Association. "It doesn't make sense to treat cars and bikes the same. They're not the same vehicle, and we've seen the outcomes of that."

Critics argue that banning right on red will not only inconvenience motorists but also slow down commuter buses and deliveries. The United Parcel Service hasn't taken an official position on right on red but has long directed its drivers to avoid left turns whenever possible, viewing them as inefficient.

Priya Sarathy Jones, deputy executive director at the Fines and Fees Justice Center, is concerned penalties from right-on-red bans will fall disproportionately on lower-income drivers who have to drive to work because they can't afford housing near public transit.

If there's more enforcement

at red lights, more cameras are certain to follow, she said. And in the Chicago area, any discussion of red light policy often conjures up memories of the region's vilified red-light camera program, which spurred bribery charges against public officials accused of trying to influence the high-profit contracts.

"It generates a lot of money for the city, instead of our decisions being driven by safety strategies backed by evidence," she said, suggesting that road infrastructure improvements would be a much more effective way to reduce accidents.

There are no recent, nationwide studies of how many people are hurt or killed by right-turning drivers.

According to a national report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, more than 7,500 people walking were struck and killed by automobiles in 2022, the highest number since 1981.

The spike, which included all accidents — not just those involving right turns on red, was attributed in part to an increase in larger vehicles such as SUVs and pickup trucks on the road. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that the odds a pedestrian

would be killed when struck by an automobile turning right were 89% higher when the vehicle was a pickup and 63% higher when it was an SUV, due to larger blind spots and the deadlier force associated with heavier models.

"These big, blunt front hoods, they knock people down and run over them, as opposed to before when people would crumple onto the hood," said Mike McGinn, a former Seattle mayor who is the executive director of America Walks, a national nonprofit that advocates for pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in a 1994 report to Congress looked at four years of crash data from Indiana, Maryland and Missouri and three years of data from Illinois, counting a combined 558 injury crashes and four fatalities stemming from right turns on red. Advocates of a ban point out that study came before the nation's vehicle fleet grew much larger and more lethal.

But Beeber said the National Motorists Association study of California found that even when there was an accident associated with right turns on red, at least 96% of the injuries sustained by pedestrians or cyclists were minor.

Lovick's bill didn't make it out of committee, but Seattle this year made it the default policy to prohibit right on red when new traffic signals are added.

Melinda Kasraie testified on behalf of Lovick's bill at a legislative hearing, sharing her experience being struck by a car turning right on red in Seattle. She needed a total knee replacement, had to give up her 20-year job and moved to a small town in part due to her newfound fears of crossing the street.

"He just needed to wait 20 more seconds and he would have had a green light, and that 20 seconds made a big impact on me," Kasraie said. □

Survivors say trauma from abusive Native American boarding schools stretches across generations

By **MATTHEW BROWN**

Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Donovan Archambault was 11 years old in 1950 when he was sent from the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana to a government-backed Native American boarding school in Pierre, South Dakota, where abusive staff forced him to abandon his community's language and customs. Archambault emerged bitter from the experience and said he drank alcohol for more than two decades before he finally pulled his life together, earning a master's degree in education and serving as chairman of the Fort Belknap tribes.

"It was probably the most brutal time of my whole life," Archambault recalled Sunday, "and it all stemmed from the trauma we suffered in the Pierre Indian School." Decades after the last Native American boarding schools stopped receiving federal money, the traumas inflicted by the abusive institutions are getting belated attention through a series of listening sessions hosted by federal officials across the U.S. For over 150 years, Indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into the boarding schools, which systemati-



Russell Eagle Bear, with the Rosebud Sioux Reservation Tribal Council, talks to U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland during a meeting about Native American boarding schools at Sinte Gleska University in Mission, S.D., Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022.

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cally abused students to assimilate them into white society. Religious and private institutions ran many of the schools and received federal funding as partners in government programs to "civilize" Indigenous students. Sunday's event at Montana State University in Bozeman was the last of 12 stops on the "Road to Healing" tour by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, a member of Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico who has prioritized examining the trauma caused by the schools. The U.S. enacted laws and

policies in 1819 to support the schools and some continued to operate through the 1960s. An investigative report released last year by the Interior Department identified 408 government-backed schools in 37 states or then-territories, including Alaska and Hawaii. The schools renamed children from Native American to English names, organized them into military drills and compelled them to do manual labor such as farming, brick-making and working on the railroad system, according to federal officials. At least 500 chil-

dren died at the schools, according to the report — a figure that's expected to increase dramatically as research continues. One of Haaland's deputies, Rosebud Sioux member Wizipan Garriott, has described boarding schools as part of a long history of injustices against his people that began with the widespread extermination of their main food source — bison, also known as buffalo. Tribes also lost their land base and were forced onto reservations sometimes far from their homelands.

Victims and survivors of the schools have shared tearful recollections of their experience during prior listening sessions in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Michigan, Arizona, Alaska and other states. They told stories of being punished for speaking their native language, getting locked in basements and their hair being cut to stamp out their identities. They were sometimes subjected to solitary confinement, beatings and withholding food. Many left the schools with only basic vocational skills that gave them few job prospects, officials said.

Myrna Burgess, a Northern Cheyenne elder, said Sunday that she and her classmates faced escalating punishments for speaking their home language. First time they'd get hit with a stick on the back of the hand. After a second offense they'd have to turn their hand over, to get hit on the palm. A third offense brought a strike to the head, she said. "That was child abuse right there, but no one ever went to jail," she said. Archambeault said many of his classmates did not survive long enough to tell their stories and instead became victims of suicide, alcohol and violence that he traces back to the treatment they received at school. □



This photo provided by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Oct. 28, 2023, shows a WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouch.

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By **JONEL ALECCIA**
AP Health Writer

Federal health officials are expanding an investiga-

More fruit pouches for kids are being recalled because of illnesses that are linked to lead

tion into potentially lead-tainted pouches of apple cinnamon fruit puree marketed for children amid reports of more illnesses and additional product recalls. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Friday it has received reports of seven illnesses in at least five states possibly linked to contaminated puree. Two new companies, Schnucks Markets of St. Louis and Weis Markets of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, announced

recalls of certain cinnamon applesauce products because they may contain high levels of lead. WanaBana of Coral Gables, Florida, previously recalled of all lots and expiration dates of its apple cinnamon fruit puree. Eating the contaminated products could result in "acute toxicity," FDA officials said. Parents and caregivers should not buy or serve the cinnamon applesauce products, which are sold through

multiple retailers, including Amazon, Dollar Tree and at Schnucks and Eatwell Markets grocery stores. The investigation began in North Carolina, where health officials are looking into reports of four children with elevated blood levels linked to the WanaBana product. State health officials analyzed multiple lots of the product and detected "extremely high" concentrations of lead. The FDA confirmed the results. □

The average Palestinian in Gaza is living on 2 pieces of bread a day

By EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The average Palestinian in Gaza is living on two pieces of Arabic bread made from flour the United Nations had stockpiled in the region, yet the main refrain now being heard in the street is "Water, water," the Gaza director for the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees said Friday.

Thomas White, who said he traveled "the length and breadth of Gaza in the last few weeks," described the place as a "scene of death and destruction." No place is safe now, he said, and people fear for their lives, their future and their ability to feed their families.

The Palestinian refugee agency, known as UNRWA, is supporting about 89 bakeries across Gaza, aiming to get bread to 1.7 million people, White told diplomats from the U.N.'s 193 member nations in a video briefing from Gaza.

But, he said, "now people are beyond looking for bread. It's looking for water."

U.N. deputy Mideast coordinator Lynn Hastings, who is also the humanitarian coordinator for the Palestinian territories, said only one of three water supply lines from Israel is operational.



Palestinians loot a truck with humanitarian aid near the Rafah border crossing in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.

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"Many people are relying on brackish or saline ground water, if at all," she said.

In the briefing, U.N. humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths also said intense negotiations are taking place among authorities from Israel, Egypt, the United States and United Nations on allowing fuel to enter Gaza.

Fuel, he said, is essential for the functioning of institutions, hospitals and the distribution of water and electricity. "We must allow these supplies reliably, repetitively and dependently into Gaza."

Backup generators, which have been essential to keep hospitals, water desalination plants, food production facilities and other

essential services operating "are one by one grinding to a halt as fuel supplies run out," Hastings said.

White pointed to other major problems.

Sewage is not being treated and instead is being pumped into the sea, he said. "But when you speak to municipal workers, the reality is once their fuel runs out, that sewage will flow in the streets."

In addition, he said, cooking gas that was brought into Gaza from Egypt by the private sector before the war is increasingly in short supply. Aid organizations like UNRWA "are not going to be able to step in and replicate the network of distribution by the private sector for this essential item," he said.

White said close to 600,000 people are sheltering in 149 UNRWA facilities, most of them schools, but the agency has lost contact with many in the north, where Israel is carrying intense ground and air operations following Hamas' surprise Oct. 7 attacks.

An average of 4,000 displaced people in Gaza are living in the schools without the resources to maintain proper sanitation, he said. "The conditions are desperate," with women and children sleeping in the classrooms and men sleeping outside in the open, he said.

The U.N. can't provide them safety, White said, pointing to over 50 UNRWA facilities impacted by the conflict, including five direct hits. "At last count, 38 people have died in our shelters. I fear that with the fighting going on in the north right now, that number is going to grow significantly," he said.

Griffiths, the humanitarian chief, said 72 UNRWA staff members had been killed since Oct. 7. "I think it's the highest number of U.N. staff lost in a conflict," he said.

The Gaza Health Ministry's total of more than 9,000 people killed in Gaza is four times as many deaths as during the 50-day conflict

between Israel and Hamas in Gaza in 2014 when just over 2,200 Palestinians were killed, Griffiths said. He added that the real toll will only emerge once buildings are cleared and rubble is taken away.

Griffiths called for humanitarian pauses to get aid to millions of people. He also urged the immediate release of all hostages and protection of all civilians by both sides as required under international humanitarian law.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has repeatedly called for a full cease-fire, and Riyadh Mansour, the Palestinian U.N. ambassador, criticized Griffiths for talking about humanitarian pauses, something the United States is also urging.

This means "Israel continues killing the Palestinians, but gives us few hours every now and then, in order to get food and other stuff," Mansour said.

He said a cease-fire is essential to save lives, saying that "almost 50% of all the structures in the Gaza Strip" have been destroyed by Israel and the situation for Palestinians "is beyond comprehension and beyond description."

"It requires from all of us to do everything that we can to stop it," he said. □

Afghan farmers lose income of more than \$1 billion after the Taliban banned poppy cultivation

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Afghan farmers have lost income of more than \$1 billion from opium sales after the Taliban outlawed poppy cultivation, according to a report from the U.N. drugs agency published Sunday. Afghanistan was the world's biggest opium producer and a major source for heroin in Europe and Asia when the Taliban seized power in August 2021.

They pledged to wipe out the country's drug cultivation industry and imposed a formal ban in April 2022, dealing a heavy blow to hundreds of thousands of farmers and day laborers who relied on proceeds

from the crop to survive. Opium cultivation crashed by 95% after the ban, the report from the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime said. Until 2023, the value of Afghanistan's opiate exports frequently outstripped the value of its legal exports. U.N. officials said the strong contraction of the opium economy is expected to have far-reaching consequences for the country as opiate exports before the ban accounted for between 9-14% of the national GDP.

Afghans need urgent humanitarian assistance to meet their most immediate needs, absorb the shock of



Armed Afghan policemen destroy an opium poppy field in Noorgal, Kunar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on April 13, 2013.

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lost income and save lives, said UNODC executive director, Ghada Waly.

"Afghanistan is in dire need of strong investment in sus-

tainable livelihoods to provide Afghans with opportunities away from opium," she said.

Afghans are dealing with

drought, severe economic hardship and the continued consequences of decades of war and natural disasters.

The downturn, along with the halt of international financing that propped up the economy of the former Western-backed government, is driving people into poverty, hunger, and addiction.

A September report from the UNODC said that Afghanistan is the world's fastest-growing maker of methamphetamine, with seizures of the synthetic drug increasing as poppy cultivation shrinks. □

Nepal villagers cremate loved ones who perished in an earthquake that killed 157 people

By **BINAJ GURUBACHARYA**
Associated Press
KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)

— Villagers in the mountains of northwest Nepal on Sunday cremated the bodies of some of those who perished in an earthquake two days earlier. The strong tremor killed 157 people and left thousands of others homeless.

The 13 bodies were carried to the banks of the Bheri River and placed on pyres made of stacked wood. Priests chanted Hindu prayers while family members cried as they covered the bodies of loved ones with flowers before setting them on fire in a cremation ceremony.

They were from Chiuri village in Jajarkot district, which authorities said was the epicenter of the quake, and where at least 105 people were confirmed dead. Another 52 were killed in the neighboring Rukum district, officials said. There were 184 people injured.

Most of the houses in Jajarkot — usually made by stacking rocks and logs —



A woman holds the lifeless body of her grand child killed in earthquake in Jajarkot district, northwestern Nepal, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023.

Associated Press

either collapsed or were severely damaged by the sudden earthquake, while the few concrete houses in towns were also damaged. The majority of those killed were crushed by debris. Thousands spent Saturday night in the bitter cold. People used whatever they could find to set up shelter for the night, using plastic sheets and old clothes to keep them warm. Most people have been unable to retrieve their belongings from under the rubble. Many were looking to the

government for help. "Our situation has gotten so worse that we do not even have anything left to eat. Whatever food we had is buried underneath the rubble of our fallen house," Samkhana Bika, who had lost her home, said Sunday. Her house at Chepare village had fallen. She sat around a fire near their fallen home to keep warm with her six family members. "Someone else gave us some rice, a little oil and some salt out of which we made a stew last night and

ate that," she said.

Nepal's government said it is trying to get aid to the affected areas.

A Cabinet meeting held on Sunday announced that aid would be immediately transported. Communications Minister Rekha Sharma told reporters that supplying food and setting up temporary shelters were the main focus while working on plans to reconstruct damaged houses.

As rescuers were scrambling to rush aid, operations were hampered by the fact that many of the mountainous villages could only be reached by foot. Roads were also blocked by landslides triggered by the earthquake. Soldiers could be seen trying to clear the blocked roads.

The U.S. Geological Survey said that the earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.6 and occurred at a depth of 11 miles (18 kilometers). Nepal's National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Center confirmed that the epicenter was in Jajarkot, which is about 400 kilometers (250

miles) northeast of the capital, Kathmandu.

At the regional hospital in the city of Nepalgunj, more than 100 beds were made available and teams of doctors stood by to help the injured.

"My arms are totally broken, I have injuries in my head and my back hurts, but thankfully it is not fractured. It was hurt when I had bent down and had firewood fall on my back," Kunjan Pun said Sunday from a hospital bed where she is awaiting surgery.

Apart from rescue helicopters, small government and army planes able to set down in short mountain landing strips were also used to ferry the wounded to Nepalgunj.

The quake, which hit when many people were asleep in their homes, was also felt in India's capital, New Delhi, more than 800 kilometers (500 miles) away.

Earthquakes are common in mountainous Nepal. A 7.8 magnitude earthquake in 2015 killed around 9,000 people and damaged about 1 million structures. □

The hostage situation at Hamburg Airport ends with a man in custody and his 4-year-old daughter safe

By **KIRSTEN GRIESHABER**
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The hostage situation at Hamburg Airport ended Sunday afternoon, around 18 hours after a man drove his vehicle through the gates of the airport with his 4-year-old daughter as a passenger, authorities said. The man was arrested and the girl is safe.

Hamburg police said that man had left the car with his daughter, who didn't appear to be harmed, and he was "arrested by the emergency services without resistance." Authorities said the man's ex-wife had previously contacted them about a child abduction.

The airport in the northern German city had been closed to passengers and flights were canceled since Saturday night when

the man, who was armed, broke through an airport gate with his vehicle and fired twice into the air with a weapon, according to German news agency dpa. The man drove the vehicle just outside a terminal building and parked it under a plane.

Police said the 35-year-old man, a Turkish citizen, had his daughter inside the car after reportedly taking her by force from the mother in an ongoing custody battle. A psychologist had been negotiating with the man for several hours. Nobody was injured during the standoff after all passengers had evacuated the airport, police said.

The mother of the girl also arrived at the airport earlier on Sunday.

On Sunday evening, police released details about



A man is led away by the police at the airport in Hamburg, Germany, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023.

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the hostage taker's identity saying he was a Turkish citizen who was already under investigation for allegedly kidnapping his daughter in March 2022, dpa reported. At that time, he had traveled to Turkey with his daughter without authorization, but the mother was later able to bring the child back to Germany.

Police didn't give the suspect's name in line with German privacy rules.

Local media reported that the man, who parked his car next to a Turkish Airlines plane during the standoff, had demanded that he and his daughter could leave Germany and fly to Turkey.

More than 100 flights

were canceled and several planes were rerouted during the hostage situation. Thousands of travelers had been affected by the standoff and hundreds were put up at hotels close by.

Flight operations at the airport resumed on Sunday night, almost 24 hours after the hostage situation began.

Hamburg Mayor Peter Tschentscher expressed relief that nobody was injured.

"The hostage-taking at Hamburg Airport is over after long, dramatic hours," Tschentscher said, thanking police for their efforts.

"I wish the mother, the child and her family a lot of strength to cope with these terrible experiences," he added. □



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NOORD — We are in 2023. It was a wild ride with Covid-19 and we all are aiming for a change of routine. We simply want to “live” life again. “It is time for living your dream,” as the quote says at Aruba Living Today’s office. “We are fifteen plus years in business, and I am proud to say that all our clients stuck with us. We are no part of a big company, we keep it small, personal, and real. Because you are not a number, no sales target either and certainly your name is not commission. Our responsibility is to make your dream come true,” says owner Randolph Arends.

From human to human

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He also studied financial administration in the Netherlands, and has a degree in Dutch insurance law. Max has 40 years work experience in all kind of insurance, specialized liability and pension law. In the past, he worked for local and international insurance brokers companies.



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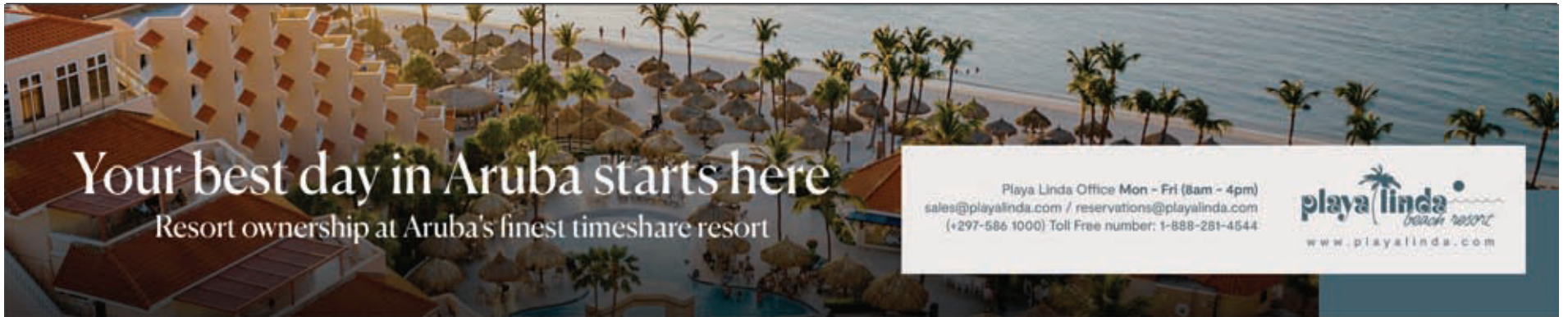
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A Serene Sanctuary: Alto Vista Chapel Now Shines with Solar Panels

(Oranjestad)—The Alto Vista Chapel in Aruba has recently undergone a beautiful upgrade with the installation of a solar panel system with battery storage, allowing this famous chapel to shine at night in a warm and welcoming light.

The renowned Alto Vista Chapel was built in 1952, but the location has a much longer history: it was once the site of Aruba's first church. The chapel holds significant historical and cultural value for the island and is perched on a hilltop overlooking the North Coast. The chapel is a tangible testament to Aruba's rich Catholic heri-

tage. Today, the chapel is not only a cherished landmark but also a beloved destination for countless tourists. Surrounded by the serene beauty of cacti and breathtaking panoramic views of the coastline, it offers a peaceful sanctuary for both locals and visitors.

Michael Geerman, Project Leader for the St. Anna Parish, under which the Alto Vista Chapel falls, recently teamed up with Mister Green to implement the addition of solar panels to the chapel. "On behalf of the Priest and the Parish, we are very pleased with Mister Green/PowerHouse, and we are proud

of this project," said Michael Geerman. This new installation is a milestone for the chapel, located in a remote area where establishing an electricity connection would be costly and time-consuming. The solar panel installation with battery storage proved to be the perfect solution to power the Alto Vista Chapel.

This small sanctuary is often illuminated by a sea of candles, contributing to the atmospheric ambiance. Thanks to the new lighting, visitors can now more easily enjoy the chapel in the evenings. The Alto Vista Chapel warmly invites everyone, whether religious or not, to experience the serene atmosphere and attend the weekly services.

"It is an honor that the St. Anna Parish has chosen our company, and we look back with great pleasure on this unique project," said Coen van Daal, founder of Mister Green. The addition of solar panels to the Alto



Vista Chapel marks a significant step in the preservation of this historic sanctuary and enhances the visitor experience. The chapel's light will now attract even more people and continue to be a symbol of Aruba's rich history and

spiritual significance.

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One of the defining features of Infini is the personalised attention given to each guest. As diners take their seats at the chef's table, they are greeted by skilled culinary artisans who not only cook and plate each dish but also take the time to describe the origins and inspirations behind every creation. This interaction elevates the dining experience, making it not just a meal but an immersive journey into the world of gastronomy.

The Asian Caribbean Impressions Menu, with its 8 courses and amuse-bouche, showcases a blend of flavours that pays tribute to the rich tapestry of local producers and farmers on the island. Each course is thoughtfully curated to celebrate the island's natural bounty and honour those who have contributed to the culinary landscape of Aruba.



The journey begins with the Amuse-Bouches, featuring mushrooms from the local urban farm, 'Farm a Cure Fungi'. The dishes, such as the 'Mushrooms Canele' and 'Shiitake Pirouline', are a testament to the talent and creativity of the team. This delicate yet flavorful start sets the tone for the culinary adventure that lies ahead.

Infini's decor and ambiance further contribute to the overall dining experience. The restaurant's terrace overlooking Eagle Beach offers a stunning backdrop to enjoy a pre-dinner drink while soaking in the picturesque views. The intimate space, catering to a maximum of 18 guests, ensures that every diner receives personalised attention from the chefs, making them feel like VIPs at a private gathering.

Each course of the 8-course menu tells a story of its own, paying homage to local producers and their dedication to their craft. Dishes like 'Lechuga', a lettuce-based creation in collaboration with another local farm by the name of 'Aruba Happyponics', exemplify Infini's commitment to supporting the community and promoting sustainability.

The restaurant's commitment to showcasing Aruba's unique ingredients continues with 'Cocolishi', a dish featuring Norwegian scallops and ajoblanco, a Spanish gazpacho variation. The meticulous presentation and combination of flavours highlight the skillful fusion of cultures in every bite.

The dish 'Maishi y Cabaron' embraces the local essence of corn and shrimps, while 'Terrine di Porco' pays tribute to the island's talented bacon producer by the name of William Jansen. The 'Hut-spot', a Dutch-inspired dish with tenderloin medallions, presents a harmonious blend of international influences.

Moving on to the desserts, 'Mango y Coco' offers a delightful pannacotta, while 'Berehein y Aloe' showcases the innovative use of eggplant and aloe vera, cultivated by farmer Loraine of 'Petite Greens Aruba'. Each dish is a testament to the creativity, passion, and culinary excellence of the team at Infini.

Infini's excellence is evident not only in the hearts of satisfied guests but also in the numerous accolades and reviews. With five stars on platforms like TripAdvisor, Google, and OpenTable, the restaurant has earned praise from critics and diners alike. Forbes magazine's comparison of the dining experience to a theatre further reinforces the notion that Infini is not merely a restaurant but a captivating performance of culinary artistry.

Infini stands as a culinary gem, offering an intimate and exclusive experience that tantalises the senses and touches the soul. With its Asian Caribbean Impressions Menu and the dedication to local producers, it is a testament to the island's rich flavours and traditions. A reservation at Infini promises an unforgettable evening of gastronomic delight, leaving guests with memories to savour long after the final course has been served. □



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(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadirikiri cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadirikiri Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to

lock her up in the Quadirikiri Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadirikiri cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadirikiri Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Ar-

awak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.

The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy,

and don't forget to bring a flashlight!☐

Note to visitors:

Due to heavy rainfall in the past few days, Arikok National Park has informed that they have closed the Quadirikiri Cave until further notice for the safety of visitors.

Fontein remains open from 9am to 4pm.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU HAVE TO EAT OATMEAL OR YOU'LL DRY UP. ANYBODY KNOWS THAT. — KAY THOMPSON

Small biz owners are both hopeful and anxious about the holidays

By MAE ANDERSON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — All signs point to a relatively solid holiday season for America's small businesses. Yet, owners of these businesses appear to have a collective anxiety about the months ahead.

They have their customers to thank on both counts. American kept up their spending over the summer, witness the government's estimate that the economy grew by 4.9% in the third quarter. Yet even as they open their wallets, consumers seem pessimistic about their finances. A recent AP-NORC poll found that many Americans are concerned about their financial future.

In turn, after two years of a COVID-fueled sales boost, owners fear consumers have run through their pandemic savings and might cut back this holiday season or shop online again after getting out and supporting local businesses. Inflation is still a concern and interest rates are higher. And there's no predicting the weather.

"When we talk to retailers there's a lot of uncertainty," said Max Rhodes, CEO of Faire, an online wholesale marketplace many small retailers use to buy inventory. "The combination of higher inflation and rising interest rates are making consumers nervous which in turn makes retailers nervous. It continues to be a weird economy. The data looks good, but nobody feels good about it."

Rhodes said his customers started to search for "Christmas" items starting in mid-August, compared with mid-September last year. Buying early can re-



Rick Haase, owner of eight Patina gift shops, organizes store items with merchandise director Kamie Hoover, Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, in Woodbury, Minn.

Associated Press

lieve the stress of supply-chain bottlenecks and gives owners a chance to restock if something sells out early in the season.

For many retailers, the holidays can account for more than half their annual sales. Holiday retail sales are expected to increase between 3% and 4% in 2023, according to trade group the National Retail Federation. But the total value of those sales will grow more slowly because inflation has moderated. In 2022, sales jumped 5.3%, according to the NRF.

Early indications are that sales have kept pace with prior holiday seasons, with consumers making purchases that help them temporarily put aside their financial concerns.

Shop owners are seeing "comfort" items sell well: high-end candles, plush stuffed animals for adults, particularly the brand Jellycat, all things sparkly (like disco balls), and anything Barbie- and Taylor Swift-related.

"We're calling it a 'bright future' (trend) right now because there's so much heaviness in the world," said Rick Haase, owner of

eight Patina gift shops in St. Paul and Minneapolis in Minnesota. "Bright and happy is really the trend that we're seeing as a whole, this kind of happy escapism and things that make you feel good about life."

Higher-priced candles are in demand at Measure Twice, a card and gift store in Brooklyn, New York. Owner Kimberley Yurkiewicz said the store had strong sales in 2021 and 2022 and sales are up again so far this year. She said people are paying \$45 to \$65 for candles, up from a range of \$25 to \$45 last year.

But she said it's hard to gauge numbers when it feels like things are constantly being disrupted, be it COVID, up and down tourism, or recession fears.

"We still don't feel like we're operating under 'true' or 'regular' or 'normal' numbers," she said. "Any kind of accurate analysis has been a real challenge the last few years in that you can overthink it all. ...It's hard to know what crisis-free sales reporting should look like."

Andy Wilkerson, co-owner of Blackhawk Hardware in Charlotte, North Carolina, got a sales boost in 2021 and 2022 as holiday shoppers focused on outdoor holiday decorations for their home in lieu of celebrating with guests. But entertaining is back this year, and the store is seeing an influx of shoppers buying place settings, ornaments and indoor decorations. □

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Pioneering scientist says global warming is accelerating. Some experts call his claims overheated

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

One of modern climate science's pioneers is warning that the world isn't just steadily warming but is dangerously accelerating, according to a study that some other scientists call a bit overheated.

The work from former NASA top scientist James Hansen, who since leaving the space agency has become a prominent protester against the use of fossil fuels, which cause climate change, illustrates a recently surfaced division among scientists about whether global warming has kicked into a new and even more dangerous gear.

Hansen, who alerted much of the United States to the harms of climate change in dramatic congressional testimony in 1988, said Thursday that since 2010, the rate of warming has jumped by 50%. Hansen argues that since 2010 there is more sun energy in the atmosphere, and less of the particles that can reflect it back into space thanks to efforts to cut pollution. The loss of those particles means there's less of the cooling effect that they can have.

Hansen said a key calculation used in figuring out how much the world will warm in response to carbon pollution shows much faster warming than the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates. He called the international goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times "deader than a doornail" and said a less stringent goal of 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) is on its deathbed. That matters because increases in average global temperatures lead to more frequent and intense extreme weather events.

"The next few years will show that we indeed do have an acceleration in the global warming rate," Hansen said in a press briefing. "And it's based on simple good physics."



The sun rises above a highway in Frankfurt, Germany, Aug. 2, 2022.

Associated Press

"The planet is now out of (energy) balance by an incredible amount, more than it ever has been," said Hansen, who has been nicknamed the Godfather of Global Warming.

Several climate scientists contacted by The Associated Press expressed skepticism about Hansen's study, tinged with respect for his long-term work.

Hansen's study in Thursday's journal Oxford Open Climate Change is broad-ranging "but has little by way of analytical depth or consistency checks when making claims quite far outside the norm," said Robin Lamboll, a climate scientist at the Imperial College of London. "It seems primarily aimed at convincing policymakers rather than scientists."

University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann, who insisted that since 1990 warming is steadily increasing but not

accelerated, posted a rebuttal to Hansen's claims and said climate change right now is bad enough and there's no need to overstate the case. Mann said "it has always been risky to ignore (Hansen's) warnings and admonitions" but when claims are made so out of the mainstream the standard for evidence is high, and he said Hansen hasn't met them.

Yet a check of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data lends support to Hansen's modeling.

Hansen's study said from 1970 to 2010, the world warmed at a rate of 0.18 degrees Celsius per decade, but projected that would increase to a rate of at least 0.27 degrees Celsius per decade after 2010. NOAA data shows that 0.27 degrees is the rate since September 2010.

That starting date is key because that's when scientists

could start to see the effect of clean air regulations that reduced aerosol pollution and the amount of sulfur in fuel used by ocean shipping, Hansen said. That type of more traditional sooty air pollution has a cooling effect that masks a fraction of the warming from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, Hansen and many other scientists said.

When scientists try to figure out future and past warming one of the crucial variables is climate sensitivity, which is how much the world warms when carbon dioxide levels in the air double. These calculations have had a wide range and scientists have yet to settle on it, but the latest U.N. climate panel said it is within a range of 2 degrees Celsius to 5 degrees Celsius, with the likely range between 2.5 and 4 degrees and 3 degrees being a good midpoint. □



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Tamirat Tola sets NYC Marathon course record; Hellen Obiri takes women's title

By **DOUG FEINBERG**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tamirat Tola wasn't thinking about breaking the New York City Marathon course record as he was running by himself in Central Park for the last few miles of the race. He just was focused on trying to win.

The Ethiopian runner broke the 12-year old mark, finishing the 26.2-mile race in 2 hours, 4 minutes and 58 seconds on Sunday — eight seconds faster than Geoffrey Mutai in 2011.

"The people of New York is amazing to give me moral support every kilometer," Tola said. "I'm happy for them. Thank you all people. It's a long kilometers to do alone. ... I'm not thinking about a lot. I'm thinking to win. So this is nice."

Tola, who finished fourth in the race in 2018 and 2019, pulled away from country-mate Jemal Yimer when the pair were heading toward the Bronx at mile 20. By the time Tola headed back into Manhattan a mile later he was up by



From left, second place finisher Albert Korir of Kenya, first place finisher Tamirat Tola, of Ethiopia, and third place finisher Shura Kitata, also from Ethiopia, pose after the men's division of the New York City Marathon, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, in New York.

Associated Press

19 seconds and left only chasing Mutai's mark. The 32-year-old was a late add to the field, joining three weeks ago.

Albert Korir of Kenya, who won the 2021 NYC Marathon, finished second nearly two minutes behind Tola. While there wasn't much drama in the men's race after Tola pulled away, the women's competition came down to the final stretch. Hellen Obiri of Kenya pulled away in the final 400 meters to take the

women's title.

The 33-year-old Obiri ran New York for the first time last year and finished sixth. "My first debut here was terrible for me, and I say like I don't want to come back here next year," Obiri said. "After that, I said, wow, I'm here again. So you know sometimes you learn from your mistakes, so I did a lot of mistakes last year, so I said I want to try to do my best."

She sure did.

Obiri, Letesenbet Gidey of

Ethiopia and defending champion Sharon Lokedi were all running together exchanging the lead. Obiri made a move as the trio headed back into Central Park for the final half-mile pulling away. She finished in 2:27:23. Gidey finished second, six seconds behind.

Lokedi was 10 seconds behind Obiri, who won the Boston Marathon in April. She's the first woman to win those two marathons in the same year since Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen did it in 1989.

This was a stellar women's field that was expected to potentially take down the course record of 2:22:31 set by Margaret Okayo in 2003. Unlike last year when the weather was unseasonably warm with temperatures in the 70s, Sunday's race was much cooler with it being in the 50s — ideal conditions for record breaking times and for the 50,000 runners. Instead, the women had a tactical race with 11 runners, including Americans Kellyn Taylor and Molly

Huddle in the lead pack for the first 20 miles. Taylor and Huddle both led the group at points before falling back and finishing in eighth and ninth.

"The first 20 miles, I was like what the heck was going on," Taylor said. "It was super weird, one of the weirdest races I ever ran with the caliber of talent in the field. There were talks of breaking the course record and doing all the things, after a bit it was like that's not going to happen. We're running six-minute pace for no good reasons. Sometimes that's how races play out. You can jump on board and do that or do your own thing. Today I just decide to jump onboard and try and hang on."

Once the lead group came back into Manhattan for the final few miles, Obiri, Gidey and Lokedi pushed the pace.

As the trio entered Central Park they further distanced themselves from Kenya's Brigid Kosgei, who finished fourth. □

Untouchable Djokovic downs Dimitrov in straight sets for record-extending 7th title at Paris Masters

PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic will head to the ATP Finals oozing with confidence. The top-ranked Serb will take on his rivals at the year-end event starting next weekend on an 18-match winning streak, fresh from a 40th Masters 1000 tournament win.

Djokovic, who has not lost a match since his defeat to Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final in July, won a record-extending seventh title at the Paris Masters on Sunday with a quick and easy 6-4, 6-3 win over Grigor Dimitrov in the final.

Djokovic, who had been pushed to three sets in his three previous matches, enjoyed a comfortable afternoon under the roof of the Palais Omnisports.

"Incredible. To be able to win it after quite challenging circumstances for me

this week," said Djokovic, who was hampered by a stomach virus in Paris. "Basically, coming back from the brink of losing three matches in a row, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I was very close to losing those matches and somehow managed to find an extra gear when it was needed."

Djokovic was in total control from the start in the final while Dimitrov got off to a timid start, letting his opponent dictate the play and never found his rhythm.

Dimitrov was second-best in all areas and the result improved Djokovic's record against Dimitrov to 12-1.

Djokovic was untouchable on his serve and did not face a single break point as he claimed a 40th Masters 1000 title. Djokovic increased his lead over Al-



Serbia's Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after winning the final match against Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov at the Paris Masters tennis tournament Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023.

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caraz in the race for the No. 1 spot to 1,490 points, making it more likely he will finish the year as the top-ranked player for a record-extending eighth time.

The Serb dropped just seven points on his serve in the opening set and broke for a 4-3 lead. As he walked back to his chair for the

changeover after sealing the first set, he was booed and whistled by sections of fans. Djokovic appeared unfazed and even looked amused.

With a large grin on his face, he provoked the crowd by gesturing in their direction as if encouraging them to whistle and make

more noise.

Dimitrov was again in trouble on his serve in the fifth game of the second set and was broken after a series of mistakes. Djokovic did not slow down and won his next serve at love to open a 4-2 lead. He broke again in the ninth game as a last backhand from Dimitrov sailed out of bounds.

"Today, I think we both were quite tight at the beginning, and I could see that he was running out of gas a little bit," Djokovic said. "Myself as well, but I somehow managed to find an extra shot over the net. I think the match was closer than the scoreline indicates, but another amazing win for me. I'm very proud of this one, considering what I've been through this week." □

Mahomes throws 2 TDs and Chiefs hang on to beat Dolphins 21-14 in Germany

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Patrick Mahomes said teammate Bryan Cook looked as if he was running the anchor leg of a 4x100-meter track and field relay on his touchdown.

The Chiefs safety took a fumble return 59 yards for what turned out to be an important touchdown in Kansas City's 21-14 win over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday at Deutsche Bank Park. "He got those knees up and was rolling down the field," Mahomes said. "Huge play that obviously mattered a ton in the game."

Mahomes threw two touchdown passes and the Chiefs (7-2) did just enough to slow the NFL's top-ranked offense in the first-ever regular season game in Frankfurt, Germany, but the defending Super Bowl champions nearly blew a big lead.

Miami's comeback fell short when quarterback Tua Tagovailoa couldn't handle a snap on fourth-and-10 from the Kansas City 31 with 1:03 to play.

"I'm always going to blame myself — I've got to catch the ball," Tagovailoa said. "Can't end the game like that when we have an opportunity like that against a really good team."

Mahomes connected on first-half scoring passes to Rashee Rice and Jerick McKinnon as Miami (6-3) kept getting stuck in third-and-long situations. The Dolphins also fell to 0-3 on the season against teams with winning records.

Mahomes finished 20 of 30 for a season-low 185 yards in his European debut, but the Chiefs' offense struggled in the second half. Tight end Travis Kelce had just three catches for 14 yards, which was just enough to become the franchise's career leader in receiving yards.

"Obviously, penalties and then me not connecting on guys deep down the field hurt us, but luckily for us our defense is playing their tail off and we got the win,"



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, left, fumbles as he is hit by Miami Dolphins linebacker Bradley Chubb (2) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, in Frankfurt, Germany. The Dolphins recovered the fumble. Associated Press

Mahomes said.

Three Chiefs players combined to put Kansas City up 21-0 just before halftime on one of the top defensive

plays of the season so far.

And it came at the expense of former teammate Tyreek Hill.

With the Dolphins driving

late in the first half, cornerback Trent McDuffie stuffed Hill on a short pass in the flat and stripped the ball from the All-Pro receiver. Mike Edwards scooped it up and after Hill tried to tackle him, Edwards lateraled to Cook, who returned it for the score.

Cook said the most recent time he scored a touchdown was while playing collegiately for Howard in 2018.

Hill finished with a team-high eight catches for 62 yards.

Taylor Swift was a no-show, as was Miami's offense early on. The only thing more surprising than Miami's first-half struggles on offense was referee Clay Martin making a "false start" call in

German in the first quarter. Miami hadn't been shut out in the first half of a game since Week 2 of the 2021 season.

But Tagovailoa got the comeback started with a 31-yard touchdown pass to Cedric Wilson Jr. in the third quarter.

Bradley Chubb's strip-sack of Mahomes then gave Miami the ball on the Kansas City 27, and Raheem Mostert ran it in from 13 yards after an unnecessary roughness call on Chris Jones on a third-and-20 keep the drive alive. Mostert had 12 carries for 85 yards.

Tagovailoa finished 21 of 34 for a season-low 193 yards. □



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Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy

Calamari or the mouthwatering creamy Garlic Tarragon Shrimp. You can also opt for a classic French Onion Soup, a Lobster Bisque or the famously Water's Edge House Wedge, a crisp wedge of fresh romaine lettuce topped with homemade blue cheese dressing, diced tomatoes, chopped bacon, caramelized pecans and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with balsamic reduction. This followed by the Chef's special of seafood such as Fresh salmon filet seasoned and grilled, topped with lemon cilantro butter and served with homemade mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus, a nice plate of Ahi Tuna or a succulent pasta dish like the Florentina Fettuccine Alfredo. Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of a devourable 22oz. Bone-In "Tomahawk" Rib-Eye, pan seared in garlic infused oil and finished in the oven or our juicy N.Y Strip Loin, seasoned & grilled. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi glace, mushroom sauce, or bacon blue cheese butter. For extra sides the options are delectable. Fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries or rice and beans. Combine your personal choice with one of the most exclusive wine from the great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with choco-



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Just about every day of the week, there is a different live entertainment by the best local artists for you to enjoy. Whether you're in a romantic mood, or more in a swinging mood, there is absolutely a night especially for you where you can combine great music with delicious cocktails mixed with concoctions. In addition, Water's Edge offers three daily Happy Hours from 12pm-1pm, 4pm-6pm and again from 9pm-10pm with all premium brands specially priced.

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Thank you to all our guests

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to Thank all of our guests who showed us so much love and support all throughout the year, and hopefully will continue to do so in the years to come. What we are most grateful for is that we could get back to doing what we love, which is looking after our guests. So, thank you for every dinner, lunch, breakfast, every to-go order, every glass of wine, every birthday, anniversary and date-night that you spent with us this last year. To our new guests, Welcome! We hope you to see you back soon! ☐



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